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UK'S STAND ON HONG KONG

Alexander's Visit Seen Underlining Defence Plan POLICY CRITICISED

London, June 4.

The flying visit to Hong Kong of the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, was believed here today to have a direct bearing on the British Government's future attitude toward Chinese national aspirations.

All Government departments concerned with Far Eastern affairs have been silent since his departure and the only official inference was that his visit to Hong Kong would underline the government's oft repeated determination to hold the Crown colony.

Another conclusion was that the government had decided that a co-ordinated defence plan for all of South East Asia is ranked among the most urgent requirements. There was considerable speculation here as to whether Mr. Alexander's tour of Commonwealth defence lines stretching from the Suez Canal zone to Hong Kong might be to determine whether the objective of holding Hong Kong can be accepted from a strictly military viewpoint.

Experienced Far Eastern observers were marshalling facts of the Hong Kong situation in search of a clue as to the British government's ultimate decision.

Critical Of Policy

1. They found that most of the service chiefs were critical of the government's policy of sending reinforcements to an area which is recognized as being untenable against forces commanding the land approaches.
2. Service commanders in Hong Kong have deprecated publicly given to the reinforcements, already sent to Hong Kong as being provocative to Chinese Communists.
3. There is sufficient evidence to show that the government is mainly concerned with countering any disorders inside Hong Kong.

Alexander In Ceylon

Colombo, June 4.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, British Defence Minister, on his way to Hong Kong for defence talks, had a short meeting today with the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr. D. S. Senanayake.—Reuters.

Kong, which are considered almost inevitable as the Communist sweep into South China.

Mr. Alexander's mission is to determine whether the British military and security forces will be able to cope with these exigencies and what alternative will confront the British government.

Another factor to be considered by the British Government is the conviction expressed by British Far Eastern administrators that military plans not only for Hong Kong but for all South East Asia would be futile unless they are accompanied by economic and social plans.

North China Interests

Since the Communist occupation of Shanghai, official quarters here have significantly emphasized reports that the occupation of various areas in North China has been carried out in an orderly fashion by the Communists and that British interests are being encouraged to continue their activities.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee and other government leaders have several times reiterated their intention to give South East Asia colonial powers towards eventual independence. It was being speculated today whether this policy might eventually include Hong Kong.

It has been pointed out several times during Parliamentary debates that the population is 90 per cent Chinese. For Eastern observers are convinced that the vast majority of these, including the realistic, wealthy and business faction, will in the future show as little sympathy towards the Communist regime in South China as they did toward Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang.

In the British Labour government ranks there are strong advocates of the policy of giving this Chinese majority a widening measure of self-government until such times as they are able to control the island and then decide for themselves whether they want to return to China. It is believed that with the Communist advance Southward the tendency to break away from Soviet influence will become stronger with the desire to reassert Chinese independence in all parts of Chinese territory. British government leaders have made it known that they do not intend to stand in the path of genuine nationalism anywhere in the British Commonwealth and Empire.

Defence Taken Seriously

The "Sunday Times" (Conservative) today commended the British Government's decision to send the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, to Hong Kong as evidence that the defence of the colony was being taken seriously, reports Reuters from London.

"We must look at Hong Kong in relation to South East Asia, where a bulwark against the Communist tide must be built if the strength won by the Western powers through the Atlantic pact is not to be largely nullified," said the "Sunday Times".

Dealing with the question of how Britain's policy of education for independence could be "squared" with the retention of Hong Kong, the "Sunday Times" said: "We cannot claim to be preparing the island for independence, but China must either remain British or revert to China."

"What we can say with perfect truth is that we are not exploiting Hong Kong at the expense of the Chinese. On the contrary, China has gained immensely from the wealth and prosperity we have brought to the island; a century ago it was a barren rock."

Guards On Parade



King George VI, wearing the bearskin and scarlet tunic of the full dress of the Welsh Guards, inspects men of the First Battalion of the Regiment, paraded in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, London. The King, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Welsh Guards, presented new colours to the battalion. Only 200 of the 600-strong battalion were paraded as their is now insufficient scarlet to equip them all. The remainder, in battledress, were spectators at the ceremony.—(AP photo).

Chinese Soldiers Hold Up Canton -- Kowloon Expresses

Chinese soldiers, armed with machine guns and rifles, held up two Canton-Kowloon express trains yesterday with the intention of assaulting railway workers on the train.

The incident occurred at Shek Tan, 35 miles from Canton, and passengers who reached Hong Kong nearly four hours late, said they heard shots fired. There were, however, no casualties.

The first express for Canton was also delayed by Chinese soldiers who refused to pay fares at the terminus. The two afternoon express trains were last night still at the Canton terminus apparently delayed pending settlement of the trouble at Shek Tan.

The "China Mail" learned last night that the trouble originated a few days ago when soldiers attempting to travel without paying their fares were ordered off the train by railway personnel.

Reeking revenge, the soldiers assembled at Shek Tan yesterday morning and held up the two morning expresses from the Kowloon terminus.

Machine Guns

Arrivals here said that when the second express was approaching Shek Tan, a considerable number of soldiers rushed out and took up positions on both sides of the track.

With machine guns trained on the express, all the soldiers were additionally armed with rifles with fixed bayonets.

Apparently realising the motive of the hold up, railway personnel who clashed with the soldiers earlier in the week, discarded their uniforms and mingled with the passengers. Thus they escaped detection.

Shots fired by the soldiers sent most of the passengers under the seats for cover. Unable to find the men they were after, the soldiers fired shots and cursed and threatened to shoot them should they interfere with the travelling again. The train was then allowed to continue its journey to Kowloon.

The last two trains expected to reach the Colony at 7.30 p.m. and 8.37 p.m. yesterday did not arrive.

An official of the KRC replying to enquiries about the non-arrival said that they might arrive here early this morning.

Barcelona Explosions

Madrid, June 4.

Barcelona was shaken by a series of eight loud explosions early this morning from the direction of the Pedrales Palace, where General Franco is staying.

No explanation has so far been given. The authorities denied the explosions were caused by bombs. Nothing was known of any casualties or damage and persons who went to the scenes could see nothing wrong.

Nor could they glean any information throwing light on the cause of the explosions. General Franco, now touring Eastern Spain, arrived in Barcelona last Tuesday.—Reuters.

Opera Star Murdered In Shanghai

Shanghai, June 5.

Readers of the Chinese press forgot the occupation changes temporarily today and became absorbed in a sensational murder case involving the famous Peking opera star, Miss Soong Kuei-ping, who is alleged to have been stabbed by her fiancé in a bathtub in his home in a fashionable foreign style apartment building in the heart of the city.

The pretty singer's fiancé, Yau Tso-sun, universally student, reported by the Chinese press to have given himself up to the police and to have confessed that he stabbed her to death as she was taking a bath. The motive for the crime was not known, but it was assumed to be the result of a jealous quarrel.

Miss Soong's two brothers are also famous opera stars and the three made frequent appearances in the same theatre.—United Press.

LARGE SCALE HOUSING PLAN FOR HONG KONG

A large-scale housing project envisaging at least 4,000 small bungalows by the end of the year, to be rented out to house-starved residents, has been submitted to Government for final approval, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The official approval will probably be forthcoming this week, sources close to the planners indicated last night.

It will be the first project of its kind ever to be undertaken in Hong Kong in collaboration with Government.

The bungalows will built primarily for Chinese families. The scheme's main object is to help solve the four-year-old housing shortage problem.

Chinese Ships In Jap Waters

Tokyo, June 5.

The United States Air Force sent a search plane over Japan's Inland Sea from Itami air base near Osaka this afternoon to clear up rumours about a flotilla of Chinese Nationalist ships reported in Japanese waters.

The pilot returned at 5.30 p.m. but refused to disclose what he had seen stating he was required to report his observations to the Air Force authorities. Results of the search are not likely to be available until Monday morning.

The mystery of the Chinese ships reached the "Flying saucers" stage today with a deluge of conflicting reports reached Tokyo. Fleets of ships were reported South of Kyushu, in the Inland Sea near Osaka and farther South near Shimotsuki Straits. All were denied by responsible authorities but new reports from the Japanese press continued to flow into Tokyo.

Rumours Unfounded

The rumours of the presence of Chinese vessels, loaded with defeated troops or fleeing sailors, early this morning from Shanghai, were proved to be unfounded when they were tracked down to their Japanese sources today, says Reuters.

That fact did not prevent the stories from circulating widely in Tokyo today to get top play in the feature pages of Japanese newspapers.

American Army officials said that they had heard reports of an LST (one LST, according to the rumours, was one of the ships in the 20-vessel convoy which were variously sighted off Okinawa and in the Inland Sea, moving towards Osaka) in the Inland Sea, but knew nothing more.

Japanese officials said that they had heard all sorts of reports but knew nothing concrete.

The rumours have been circulating for the past week, but no credence was given to the story until the arrival in Kurehama, near Yokohama, last night of a vessel with a Chinese name.

Japanese reports said the water police were ordered to keep away from the vessel. United States Army sources later identified the vessel as a banana ship from Taiwan.

A spokesman of the China Mission here denied having any knowledge of any such group arriving in Japan, and pointed out that the local haven for such vessels would be Taiwan instead of Japan.—United Press and Reuters.

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Mail From Shanghai In Tjibadak

Shanghai, June 5.

The Dutch steamer Tjibadak the first foreign ship to enter Communist-controlled Shanghai will leave port this afternoon with about 400 Chinese passengers, cargo and mail for Hong Kong.

The vessel docked at the British-owned Shanghai and Hong Kong Wharf about half a mile from the Bund late yesterday afternoon with no passengers. Seven Customs Inspectors, accompanied by two officers of the People's Liberation Army, boarded the ship.

The two military officers boarded the ship after 20 minutes.

Only officials of the Java-Chinese Line were permitted aboard the vessel.

Two soldiers and a few policemen guarded the entrance to the wharf which only authorised persons were permitted to enter.

Pending the promulgation of travel regulations governing the movement of foreigners, the ship was accepted for the time being. However, the General Post Office is accepting and will continue to accept ordinary mail for about 10 days.

More than 300 bags of mail, taken by the Tjibadak, learned.

Foreigners Must Wait

At present only Chinese passengers can leave and travel requirements for them are the same as before, reports United Press. Foreigners would have to wait new regulations are drawn up which are expected shortly.

Two American President's ships, the President Madison and the President Jackson, are expected to enter the harbour in the next few days.

Meanwhile, airline officials hoped that the Communist authorities would soon permit resumption of air service. American airline officials said some development might take place in the coming week. Civil airlines likewise are preparing to resume flights when permission is granted.—Reuters and United Press.

HARBOUR FIRE

A fire which lasted about an hour broke out on the deck of the ss. Dong Nai shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday.

The ship was under repair at No. 1 dry dock of the Kowloon and Hungshing Dockyard. A quantity of wool was burnt.

Four fire appliances and a float were sent to the scene. There were no casualties reported.



The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) no information has been received from China. The trough appears to have weakened over the Eastern Sea but the depressions over Tonkin and S. of Japan persist. A broad and rather weak ridge of high pressure has spread Southwards over Japan and the neighbouring seas. Pressure continues fairly high S. of the Philippines.

Today's Forecast—Moderate S. winds. Mainly fair, but brief showers chiefly during the morning. Cloudless warm.

Yesterday's Weather—

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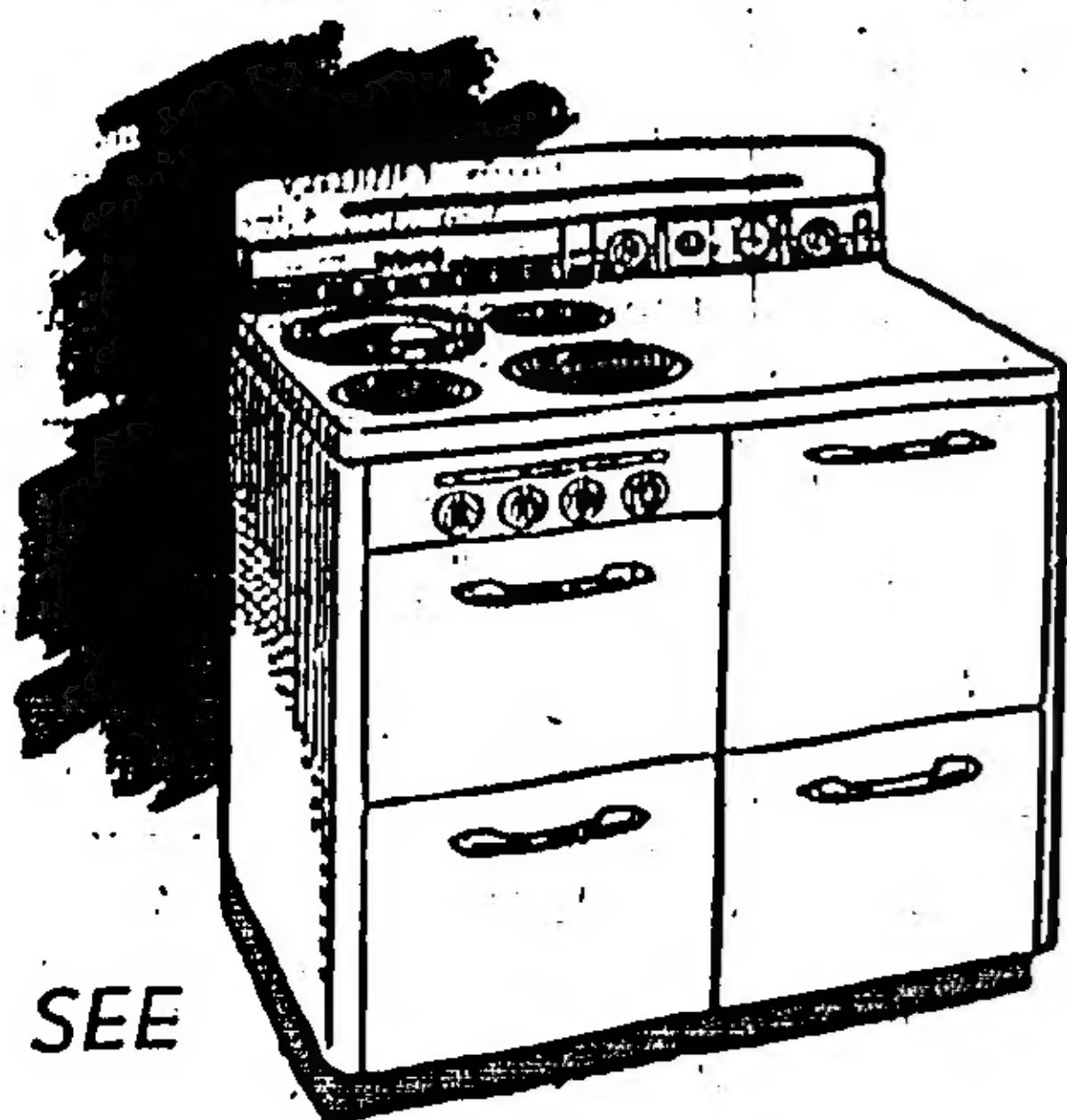
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Shooting Aboard ss. Lok Sang

A village chieftain from Anhwei Province was killed instantaneously and a former Chinese GI seriously wounded when a tommy gun was accidentally fired aboard the ss. Lok Sang when she was off Swatow on Saturday morning en route to Hong Kong.

There were 300 passengers on the British steamer, including 100 former Nationalist soldiers, who disembarked here yesterday under Police supervision.

According to eye-witnesses aboard the Lok Sang passengers' tickets were being checked when they became unruly.

The trigger of a tommy gun was accidentally pulled and the bullet hit a steel plate on the hull first before piercing the GI in the chest and killing the chieftain.

The Lok Sang reached the Colony at 2 a.m. yesterday and the wounded man was taken to hospital, where his condition is reported to be "not critical."

The dead passenger was taken to the morgue.

Hong Kong Police are meanwhile investigating the incident. Several soldiers were taken for interrogation. Police investigation aboard the ship was completed at noon yesterday.

The soldiers, remains of several Nationalist armies, boarded the Lok Sang at Foochow. Many paid their passage, the ship's commander personnel said.

Several of them are wounded. Some have to depend on crutches. Most of them travelled alone.

The soldiers surrendered their arms when they embarked.

Saved At Last Minute

Brussels, June 4. A last-minute joint declaration by five Belgian traitors executed today at a disused aerodrome at Nivelles, near here, saved a sixth man from the firing squad.

He was Joseph Simar and the joint declaration by his five companions was rushed to the Belgian judicial authorities in Brussels.

A stay of execution, issued by the Minister of Justice, was received in Nivelles only an hour or so before he was due to go before a firing squad.

Together with the five executed men, Simar had been found guilty of aiding the Germans in the massacre of Belgian resistance workers shortly before the liberation of their country.—Reuter.

GRAVE CHARGE IN PARIS

Paris, June 4. Sixteen men have been charged in Paris with activities relating to the demobilization of the army after security police last night discovered arms in two cars heading for Paris.

They include two Councilors of General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People.

The charges have been brought under an article dealing with State security and can carry the death penalty.

Five of the men were charged last night. Eleven more were formally charged today.

Two detained with the others last night were discharged.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN ORDER DEFIED

Vladivostok, June 4. Herr Oskar Holmer, Austrian Socialist Minister of the Interior, in a written parliamentary reply today defied a Soviet order that all political refugees from "bourgeois democracies" must be returned to their homelands should they seek asylum here.

He wrote: "I have instructed the Austrian police, fully realising the implications of such a step, to grant asylum in Austria to all persons, crossing the Austrian frontier legally or illegally, to escape persecution because of their political opinions."—Reuter.

JOHANNES TEA PARTY

More than 70 Johannese attended the tea party given by the Rev. Gilbert Baker, Chaplain of the American-supplied St. John's University at the Cathedral Hall yesterday.

The Rev. Mr. Baker who arrived in the Colony about a month ago shortly before the fall of Shanghai is taking a "friendly" attitude. He hopes that he will be able to go back to Shanghai in September.

The Rev. Mr. Baker came to the Colony from England in 1947. During the war he was in昆明.

Dr. John St. John's University in 1947.



Wedding at Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Saturday of Mr. Edward Mathew Alarcon and Miss Alma Maria da Silva. China Mail Photo.

Commodity Prices Soar In Shanghai

Shanghai, June 5. Shanghai's 6,000,000 populace are beset by now worries over the financial situation as the prices of essentials continue rising.

Bread, for instance, went up 80 per cent this morning. Silver dollar prices are fluctuating wildly, with the city's thousands of silver coin peddlers constantly changing their quotations.

A few days ago these street exchangers were willing to give 14 silver dollars for US\$10 but yesterday they quoted only eight for US\$10.

Observers think that this sharp decline due in part to hedging operations following the regulation calling in all foreign currencies which started a rush for silver coins and gold bars. The latter now command the price of about US\$50 per ounce.

Apart from the intricacies of the local exchange market there is the fact that the quantity of imported articles and raw materials have become scarcer which development has also been instrumental in pressing prices into higher ground.

No comment has hitherto been available from leading business circles on the new currency regulation. When approached they all said they will rather wait and see.

Shanghai, under new management, is in the throes of a commercial revival effort. Some progress is visible, but monumental handicaps were left by the retreating Nationalists, including the near-stripping of the port of coastwise and river ships and cleaning it out of foreign exchange as well as commodities that would bring foreign exchange.

Commercial leaders generally are hopeful and complimentary in the new regime, who, they say, approach the job with the realization of its difficulties and with obvious early effort to eliminate the corrupt practices which of late years have made Shanghai a difficult place to do business.

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Doing Their Best

The vast flotilla of small coasters running from a few hundred to 3,000-ton steamers which carried China's interport trade, were taken away by the Nationalists and until they can be brought back a big volume of coastal business, on which the port lived largely the last three years, cannot be reclaimed.

Yet the new regime is doing its best. The plans are crowded with power, junkies and almost all small craft, which are trying to carry on with at least a part of this vital traffic.

The new regime is also at grips with the job of trying to keep Shanghai's myriad cotton weavers and spinners running, many of whom the new Government itself now owns, since they were the property of the Nationalist Government.

This industry is Shanghai's largest next to shipping. Small groups of families of long single cotton, are believed to be insufficient to keep the mills going a few weeks, and this type of cotton is necessary to produce yarn and piece-goods, which can be sold abroad for needed foreign exchange.

It will be extremely difficult to obtain new supplies. The Nationalist Government could never have done it except for ECA.

Some traders say the Communist authorities have substantial cotton funds which will sell for foreign exchange which will be used to buy cotton from the United States. They say the United States will be able to supply the cotton.

SHANGHAI REFUGEES WANT TO GO HOME

Now that the tide of the Chinese civil war has passed Shanghai, many Shanghaiers are considering returning home.

When the ss. Shengking left for Shanghai on Saturday with a full load of passengers returning to the Chinese metropolis, it was indicated that many Northern refugees have made up their minds to leave the Colony.

Apart from the Shanghai-layers, other Northern Chinese are also planning to return to their homes in Tientsin or elsewhere in North China.

Hence many local inhabitants believe that houses in the Colony may be easier to get in the near future.

Factories Moving

According to the local "Sing Tao Evening Post," many refugee factories are among those planning to shift back to China.

The paper stated that the Northern manufacturers consider Hong Kong as their "typhoon shelter" in time of danger.

Furthermore, these manufacturers consider that wages in the Colony are much higher than in China.

At present among the majority of factories planning to return to China are spinning and weaving mills, enamel factories and rubber factories.

GALLANTRY OF CONVICT

Ossining, N.Y., June 4. A prisoner at Sing Sing who shared the cancerous blood of a dying eight-year-old girl waited today to see whether he had helped find a cure for leukemia.

Dr. Charles Sweet, chief prison physician, said the unnamed convict let the blood of the child circulate through his body for 20 hours during the past week, in an experiment conducted at Ossining Hospital. The name of the child was not divulged.

Dr. Sweet said the convict volunteered for the transfusion in the knowledge that he might contract the disease, which is one of the most deadly forms of cancer.

He was offered no reward for taking the risk.—United Press.

PAUL ROBESON IN MOSCOW

Moscow, June 4. Paul Robeson, well-known Negro singer, arrived in Moscow by air today for the celebrations of the 160th anniversary of the birth of the Russian poet, Pushkin.—Reuter.

Most traders think the Reds will have to look to the United States for a continuing supply of cotton.

Currency Deals

The Communist money slipped about 300 points in terms of United States dollars to about 1,000 to one on June 4, but recovered somewhat later.

The order forbidding private dealing in foreign exchange, which contained no deadline, date, apparently is not in effect yet.

The streets are wholly jammed with hawkers trading Communist money for pre-war silver dollars or for foreign currency and you can buy and sell U.S. greenbacks anywhere.

Whether the Reds will stop this free dealing in money, time alone can tell, but no other regime has been able to stop it during inflation.

Most business elements say it depends whether they can keep their own money at a firm level which, with the war still on their hands, is a terrible undertaking.—Reuter and Associated Press.

NEW PRIMATE OF GREECE

Athens, June 4. The Athens news agency said tonight that the Archbishop of Yunhio, Spiridon Vlahos, who was today elected Primate of Greece, was sentenced to death by default during the occupation by the Italians in Northern Spire.

The Germans kept him constantly on the alert, it added.

This agency said the new Primate of Greece gave invaluable assistance to the resistance movement led by General Napoleon Zervas. It was stated tonight that the Primate will officially be enthroned after the publication of the Royal decree announcing his nomination.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH TELEVISION

Paris, June 5. Direct television programming across the Channel between Britain and France is predicted by Norman Collins, a British television head.

He told a news conference that a liaison committee of British and French television experts has been created and will sit alternately in London and Paris.—Associated Press.

EX-NAVY MAN A TOREADOR

London, June 5. Vincent, Francis, a former naval officer, has been named as the first bull fight today for his first bull fight at La Lanza today.

Expected to be the first naval officer to fight a bull, Vincent, Francis, a former naval officer, has been named as the first bull fight today for his first bull fight at La Lanza today.

FIRE FIGHTING IN ATOM WAR

London, June 4.

Fire fighting under atomic warfare conditions would call for visual control by radio from officers in helicopters or observation craft, the Institute of Civil Defence Journal said today.

An airborne water officer, in consultation with an accompanying demolition officer, could radio instructions to the base group, who could then send relays in motion according to a predetermined plan, the Journal said.

For water supplies for the fire services, a central body should be established to control regional schemes. There should be no excuse if the fire services were caught unprepared in the matter of water supplies, the Journal declared.—Reuter.

SMUTS GUEST OF CHURCHILL

Cape Town, June 5.

Jan Christian Smuts, leader of the South African opposition United Party, will spend his first week in Britain with Winston Churchill. He is due to arrive in London by air on June 6, to confer six honorary degrees at Cambridge University, of which he is Chancellor.

Field Marshal Smuts will be away from South Africa for three weeks during which he will visit Rome, Athens and Cairo to study the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean seaboard countries.—Associated Press.

HUNT FOR GANG

Rome, June 4.

A police car chased through the dark narrow alleys of Central Rome last night led to a nationwide hunt today for an international gang of trans-Alpine cigarette and dope smugglers.

The police cornered the smugglers' car last night. It was found to contain 200,000 cigarettes, with several packets of cocaine hidden in the spare wheel. An Italian and a Frenchman were arrested.—Reuter.

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Increasing American Interest in Taiwan

Washington, June 4.

The question of Taiwan is receiving increasing attention here among official and unofficial sources.

They are of the opinion that it will not take the Communists long to conquer Taiwan once they gain control of all the China coast.

For that reason, they are impressed with the necessity for an urgent decision on what may be done to keep this prize from Red armies.

Strategically, Taiwan would provide one of the key points in the "curtain sanitaire" against Communism in Asia, which the Anglo-Americans now envisage as running Southward from Japan through Taiwan and the Philippines, thence Westward through Indo-China, Siam and India.

The complication arises from the fact that Taiwan was promised to China in the Cairo Declaration early in 1945 and, after Japan surrendered, turned over to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government for de facto administration with the understanding that Chinese legal rights would be ratified at a later date. Japan's peace conference, meanwhile, the retreating Nationalists in China have made it the repository of some of their "last ditch" forces. Some 250,000 troops of Chiang Kai-shek's armies have been sent there, almost all that remains of the Nationalist Air Force is based there and considerable amounts of war supplies and munitions are stored in Taiwan.

One matter considered to be in relation to Taiwan is what legal basis, the British, Americans and other democratic allies would have to suspend the Cairo Declaration for the time being in order to make Taiwan some sort of an international security zone instead of Chinese-administered territory.

Possible Moves

Diplomatic observers consider that such a step probably could be justified if Chiang Kai-shek loses all of China, on the grounds that the regime under whose administration Taiwan has been placed in trust no longer constitutes an effective government. However, opinion, the British and Americans still would be faced with practical steps to implement their decision. Among the possibilities which have been advanced are the following: 1. They could ask the United Nations for strategic trusteeship over Taiwan. However, this course is almost certain not to be adopted because of the feeling that the Communists would have taken over Taiwan long before the United Nations could ever reach a decision. 2. The Anglo-Americans might attempt to persuade Chiang Kai-shek to relinquish his control of Taiwan to them to be held in trust, pending a clarification of the Asian situation and offering him political asylum there if he wishes. However, those officials who have dealt with Generalissimo Chiang in the past consider that he would be most unlikely to agree to this action. 3. The United States and Britain might simply declare that the collapse of the Chinese Nationalist Government, if and when this occurs, renders Taiwan an "orphan" with no protector and declare their intention as signatories to the Cairo Declaration of moving in to administer the island in trust until a peace treaty.

Most Difficult

However, officials admit that a move to establish military forces on Taiwan probably would be met by Chinese resistance and somebody would get hurt. It is felt that this could leave the United States and Britain in a bad position at the bar of public opinion and make it possible for them to be criticised for action similar to that of which they in the past accused Russia in various areas. Political and diplomatic observers here concede that this problem is one of the most difficult.

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Through Numbers (22 Races—\$4.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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SAQJ9
H None
DKQJ32
CKQ85
SK106
H Q107
DA109
CJ3

S54
HAKJ8
643
D65
CA7
S872
H93
D874
C109642
(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)
East South West North
1 H Pass 2 H Dbl
4 H Pass 5 H Dbl
Robt

Tomorrow's Problem

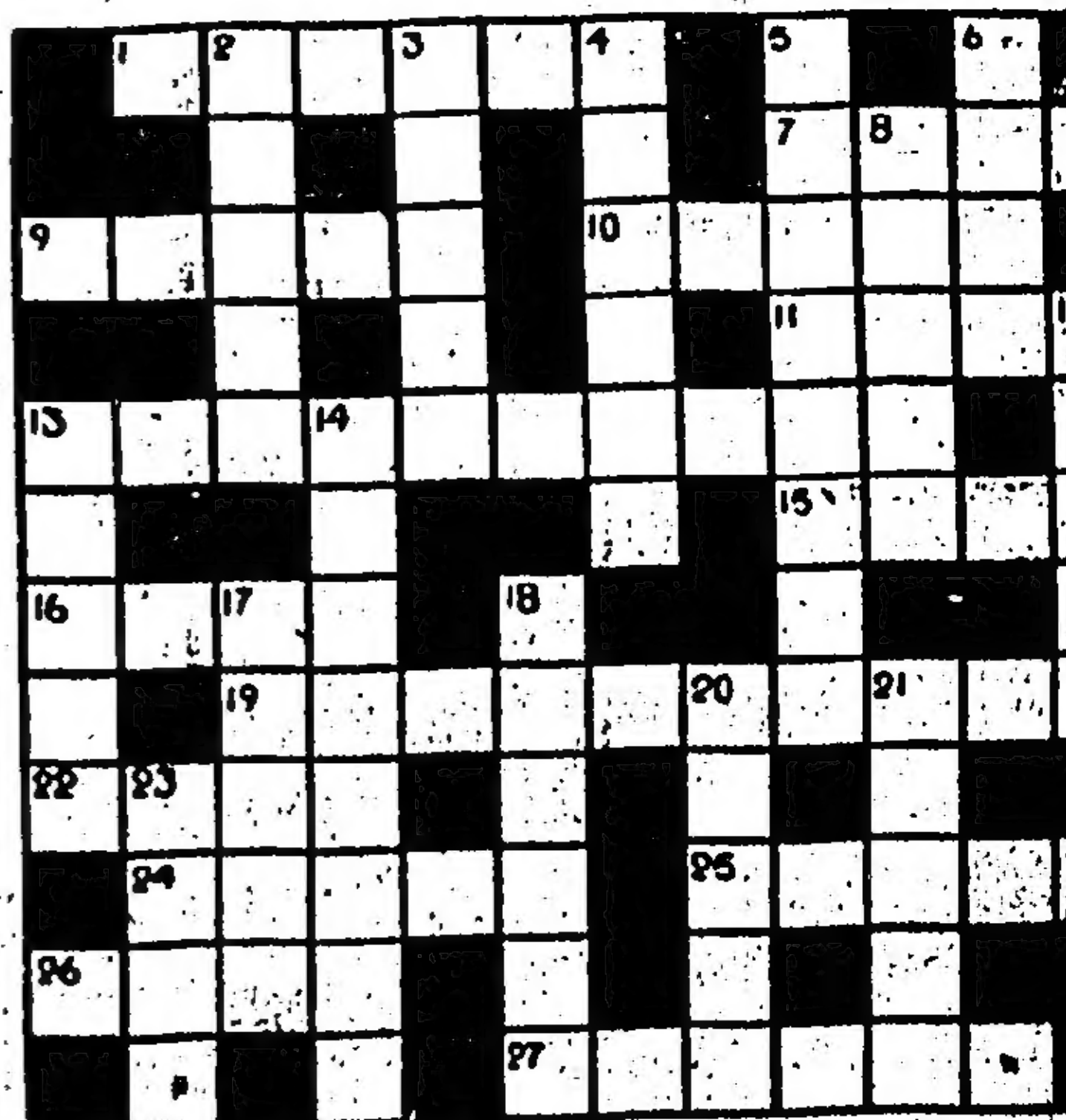
SA643
H Q109
D J108
C Q43
S975
H Q2
D Q953
CAKJ
2

S2
H J8743
DAK82
C1065

(Dealer: West North-South vulnerable.)

What problem does West give himself if he opens the bidding on this deal?

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Across

1 Brought about.
7 Improvised.
9 Sent.
10 Young animal.
11 Hazard.
13 Representative body.

Down

2 Coral island.
3 Colloquial speech.
4 Substituted.
5 Sanction.
6 Playthings.
8 Suppose.
12 Anchor.
13 Blockheads.
14 Choosing by vote.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Phrase, 4 Caste, 7 Ordeal, 8 Spite, 10 Role, 12 Savage, 13 Emerald, 16 Slew, 17 Done, 18 Eerie, 20 Entreat, 21 Sell, 23 Comic, 24 Polito, 25 Unge, 26 Algae.

DOWN: 1 Protrude, 3 Redolent, 5 Sham, 5 Enphads, 6 Battle, 9 Cadet, 11 Entering, 12 Sneak, 13 Glimming, 14 Swellers, 15 Envoys, 22 Roll.

LABOUR TO DISCUSS ELECTION PLATFORM

BRITISH LABOUR UNREST

London, June 4. Hopes of settling the "every Sunday" railway strike in North and North East England in time for this week-end's Whit Sunday holiday-makers were finally dashed today when leaders decided to continue their strike at midnight to night, for the third consecutive Sunday.

Strikers' delegates met at York to discuss the dispute, begun when new schedules were introduced compelling engine crews to spend nights away from home. After the three-hour meeting, the Chairman announced: "Tonight's strike is definitely on. We have re-affirmed our decision to strike on Sundays until the railway executive gives us some indication that they will revert to the position before the new lodging turns were introduced on May 23 and to resume negotiations from there."

The delegates will meet again in York next Thursday, he said. Hundreds of Whit Sunday travellers, knowing tomorrow's traffic was uncertain, left early from King's Cross, London terminus for the North East.

Before the railwaymen's decision was known, British Railways had already cancelled 28 holiday trains, due to run tomorrow. The "no slow" policy enforced at a number of railway points depots this week as a protest against the delays in awarding wage increases of 10 shillings per head weekly, continued today despite an appeal by trade union leaders to the men to resume normal work.—Reuter.

GUN BATTLE IN BERLIN

Berlin, June 5. Soviet sector German police tonight captured a father, mother and 18-year-old son after a gun battle in a Berlin flat. The family were part of a gang wanted by the police and police headquarters said a "veritable arsenal" of small-arms were found in the flat. Seven other members of the gang were arrested later. When the police first approached the House the father and son shot at them from a first storey window.—Reuter.

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Blackpool, June 4.

The Labour Party, jolted by setbacks in recent local elections, opens its annual conference here on Monday.

It will approve a platform for its fight to retain control of the Government in next year's general elections.

Organisers and delegates streamed into Blackpool aware that the next 12 months will be a crucial period for the Labour Party, which was swept into power in 1945.

After three years of unbroken electoral successes, the Socialist movement ran into two bitter defeats in local elections in the past few months. Some party leaders profess to see nothing significant in the setbacks, but others are worried that Mr. Winston Churchill's hard-fighting Conservatives are winning back important ground.

The conference this year, the view of these leaders, must impress the nation with the necessity and vigour of the Labour cause, and must win even wider support for its policy of nationalisation of industry and expanded social services.

Thus, there are reports that the 1950-1955 may be forced to a vote.

The present plan is to stage a two-day debate on its contents and use the arguments presented to modify it if the party executive considers this necessary.

Some Labour delegates feel that any changes should be made on the spot.

Better Wages

The platform was embodied in a booklet "Labour Believes in Britain," which was published early in April.

One of its themes is that "Britain cannot trust the Tories." Its major sections call for:

1. A drive to increase production;
2. A work-for-all programme;
3. Nationalisation of industrial insurance, the cement and sugar industries;
4. Encouragement for private enterprise, including a scientific council to assist industry;
5. Better wages, technical aid and assistance to rural England;
6. Continuation of the drive for increased social services.

The booklet boasts that before the war there were 11,000 people who had incomes over £5,000 a year after taxes. Now the figure is only 250.—United Press.

FEATURES OF NEW CARRIER

Sydney, June 4. Specially insulated armour to counteract the effects of atom-bombing and protect crews against radio-activity will be among the features of HMAS Melbourne, Australia's second aircraft carrier being built in Britain, according to the "Sydney Sunday Herald" today.

The newspaper said that other features of the carrier—to cost about A£7,000,000, will include radar devices to chart the course of hostile ships and aircraft from greater distances and with greater accuracy than hitherto thought possible.

A direction-finding beam will also be installed to detect and follow the movements of submarines.

Navary control devices will allow rapid, accurate and concentrated fire on invisible targets. The carrier is expected to be ready in 1952.—Reuter.

Paris, June 4. The Lorraine descendants of Mathias Siebert, who emigrated to America in 1872 and died there 12 years ago leaving \$700,000,000, to be divided among his family, have learned that another descendant, the brother of Mathias, has just died in America, bequeathing \$420,000,000.—Reuter.

Resolution Against Conscription

Ballsbury, June 4. The National League of Young Liberals approved at its annual conference here today a resolution calling for the abolition of compulsory military service in Britain.

The resolution declared the failure of conscription is self-evident. It also called for substantial improvement of long-term volunteers.

The conference voted proposals for a 15 per cent increase in pay for all Service ranks, equal pay for Service women, and for an immediate improvement in barracks and barrack equipment.—Reuter.

NO STANDING WITH THE GIRLS

Douglas, Isle of Man, June 5. Explaining difficulties in recruiting British men for scavenging jobs, Birmingham's Deputy City Engineer, Mr. D. G. Bevan, told a municipal engineers' conference here: "To be a scavenger, a garbage can emptier or a sewer cleaner does not give a man any standing with his lady friends."—Reuter.

ACTRESS WAS WED SECRETLY

London, June 5. The veteran actor, Oscar Homolka, and the actress, Joan Tetzel, left on Saturday for a honeymoon trip to an undisclosed part of England.

Their marriage in New York a few hours before boarding the liner Queen Elizabeth was disclosed by Miss Tetzel in a transatlantic broadcast on Friday night.

The ship left New York on May 29 and arrived in Southampton on Friday. Homolka is 50, Tetzel 27. Both played in the Broadway run of the play "I Remember Mama."—Associated Press.

ITALIAN LABOUR WAR CONTINUES

Rome, June 4.

Italy's labour war continued today with one-day general strikes in two Northern centres, Forli and Rimini.

The strike of 1,500,000 farm workers entered its 18th day while Government officials strove hard to prevent a threatened national walk-out of 500,000 building workers.

The Northern one-day strikes were in protest against the serious injury of a woman picket yesterday at Forli, where workers, attempting to return to a strike-bound engineering shop, clashed with pickets.

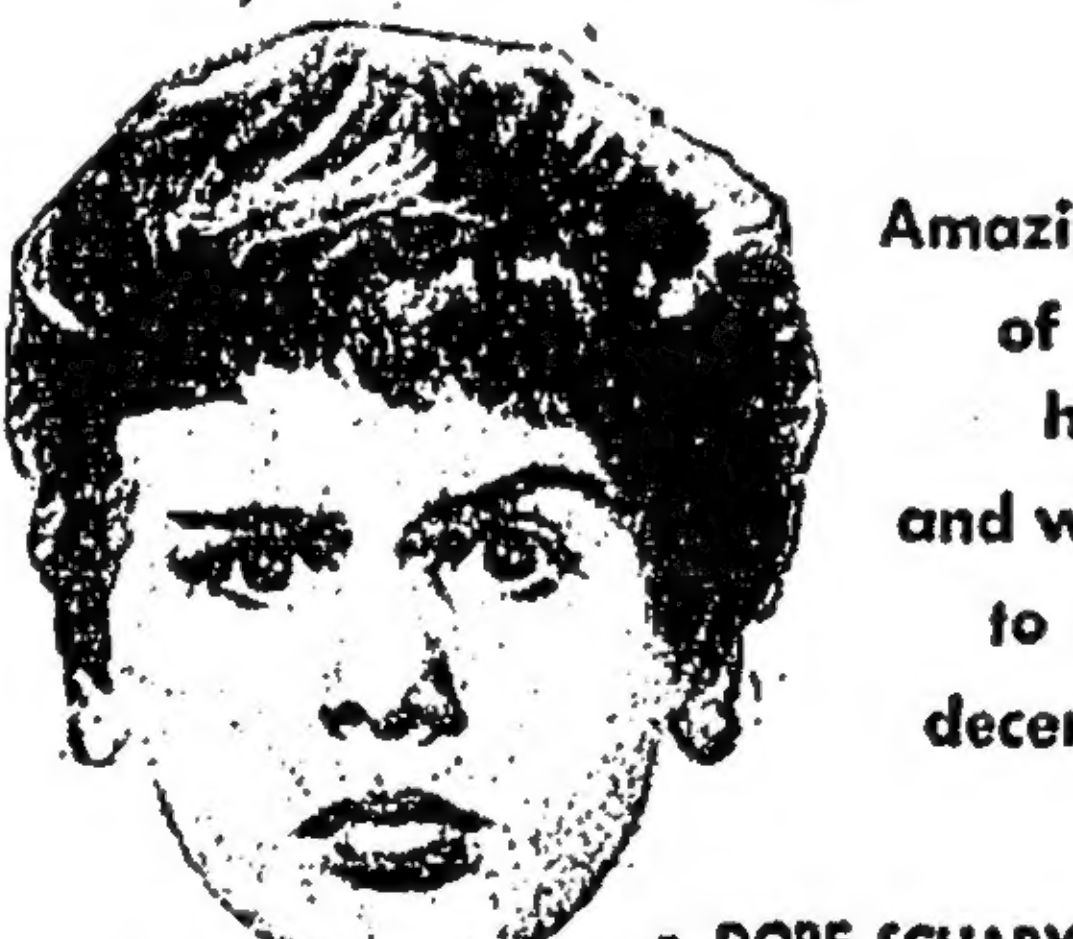
Scattered incidents still marked the farm workers' strike for national wage agreements which has, so far, have cost the lives of three people and injuries to about 200 others in clashes between strikers and non-strikers.

No strike has yet been called in the building trade but the National Builders Federation threatened on Thursday to renew the agitation province by province, beginning today, if outstanding problems (wages) are not settled to its satisfaction.

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Gold Fever Grips Stock Exchange

Johannesburg, June 4.

South Africa's "Little man" scraped together his savings today to join in the gold fever which gripped the Union's Stock Exchange following yesterday's report of a fabulously rich strike on an Orange Free State farm.

Crowds blocked the Exchange entrance as typists, secretaries, clerks, telephone girls, all tried to get in on South Africa's latest gold boom.

Mining experts' caution over the significance of the find had little effect on the hysterical buying.

Shares of the Free State Gold Areas Company, who hold an option on the farm, trebled in value in 24 hours—the noon quotation being 46 shillings compared with yesterday morning's price of 15/3d.

Within a few hours of the announcement of the find, businessmen and option hunters besieged the village of Hennenman, five miles from the farm, to plead with farmers and other property owners.

Erdfeld Farm is owned by Mr. J. Van Rensburg, a rich, retired farmer. He recently gave an option on the 4,200-acre property for about £220,000.

Exports Cautious
Mining experts say that the rich strike must be considered in conjunction with earlier borehole results on the property—Erdfeld Farm, near Odendaalsburg.

Rich pockets are sometimes found which do not continue for more than a few inches on either side of the borehole, they point out.

Experts feel, however, that the field may prove very profitable but that it has still to be proved by actual mining.—Reuter.

KACHIN LEADER A SMUGGLER

Rangoon, June 5.

Duwa Zaw Rip, chairman of the Kachin State Council, was arrested on Friday by excise authorities at Rangoon airport for allegedly smuggling opium, it was officially learned on Saturday.

The arrest was made as Duwa Zaw Rip stepped from the plane arriving from the Kachin State capital of Mingaladon.

Excise authorities said 10 packets of opium worth 8,000 rupees were found in Rip's luggage. Rip served in the British Intelligence during the war.—Associated Press.

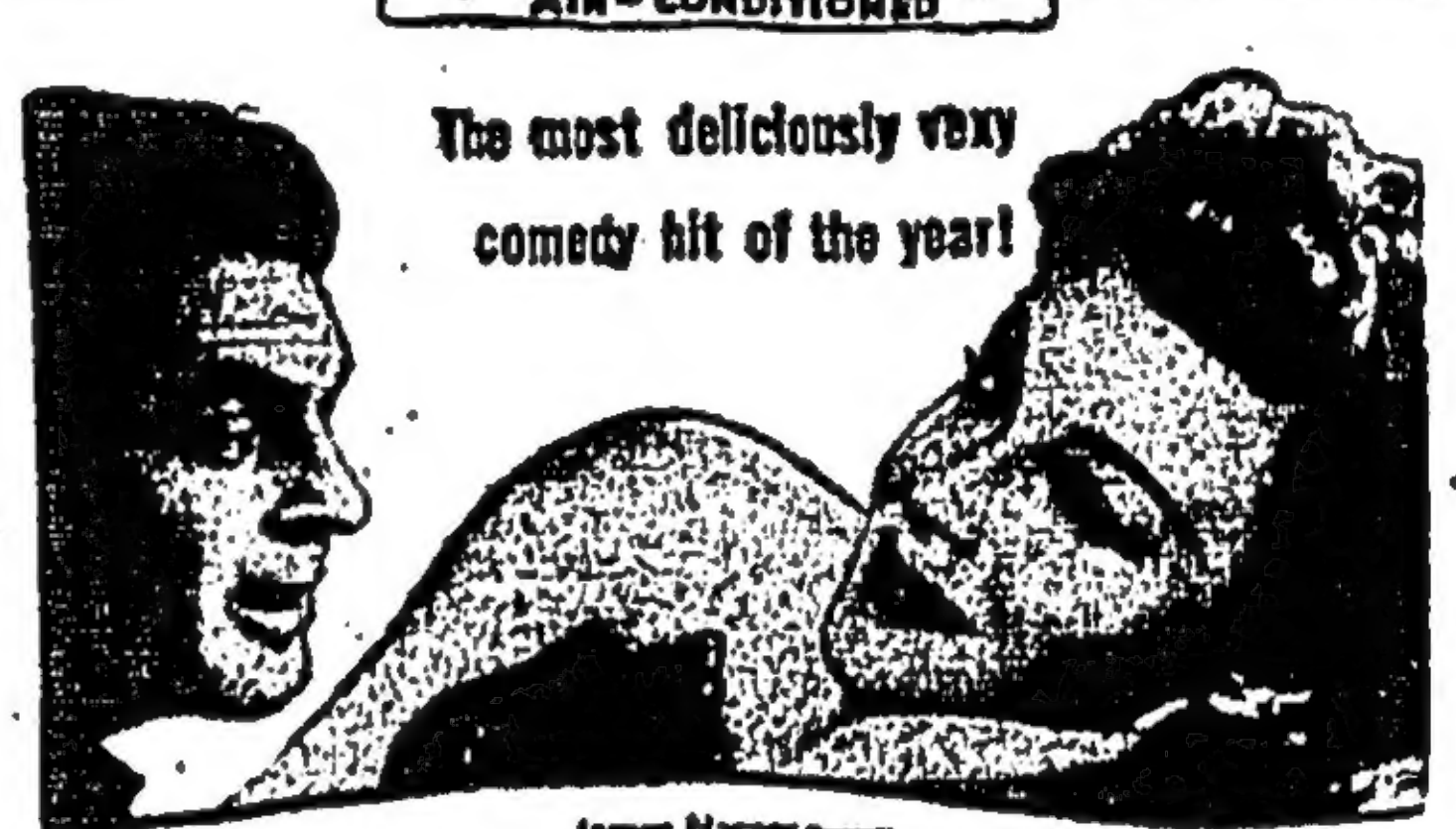
FIRE VICTIMS

Manila, June 5.

The National Red Cross today supplied relief aid to 230 homeless fire victims in Dagupan city, 120 miles North West of Manila.

The fire yesterday gutted 20 buildings in Dagupan's commercial district. Damage is estimated at 700,000 Pesos.—Associated Press.

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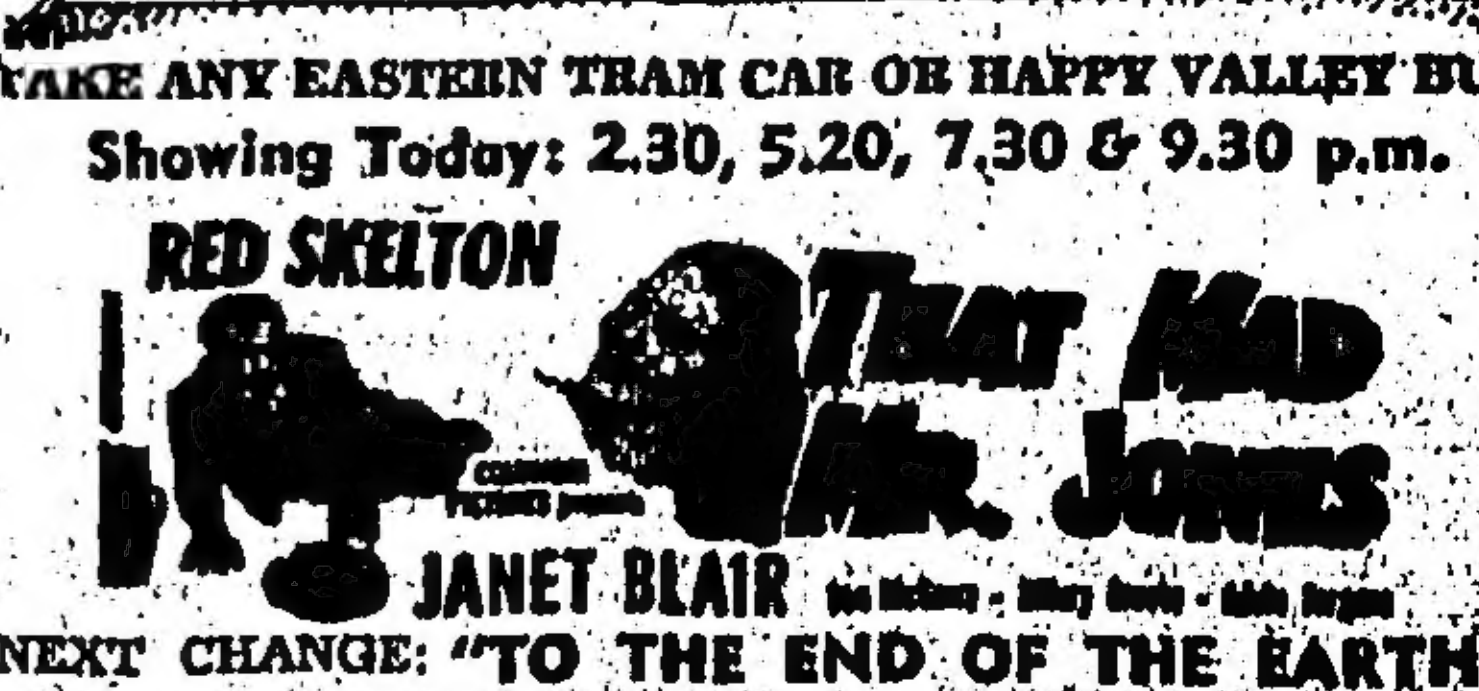
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STILL NO PROGRESS AT BIG FOUR TALKS

Secret Session Hears Plans For Berlin

VETO STILL A SNAG

Paris, June 4.

The second secret session of the four-Power Council of Foreign Ministers ended this afternoon after four hours' discussion of United States and Soviet views on Berlin.

This was their longest meeting since the talks began in the Rose Palace here on May 23.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, foreign affairs advisor of the United States Republican Party, when asked after the meeting whether there had been any progress in decisions, said: "No."

Asked what the reactions of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, had been, Mr. Dulles replied: "The same as usual."

SKY MAN GETS A REBUFF

Paris, June 4.

A pink-checked, Russian aged 49, describing himself as the "first citizen of the sky" tried to join the Big Four Foreign Ministers in the Rose Marble Palace here this afternoon.

He was Khariton Salkazanov. He was dressed in a brown monkish gown with flowing locks of grey hair and with bare feet in sandals.

He got a polite but firm rebuff from armed police at Palace entrance.

They told him to go to the French Foreign Office.

He had neatly typed 10 letters addressed to the Foreign Ministers.

Each letter began: "Apostle of Astronomy, First Citizen of the Sky, I ask the Foreign Ministers to study world problems in the light of the stars."

"Why squabble here on this tiny planet when inter-planetary affairs require our attention?"

His manifesto added: "Attlee, Auriol, Stalin and Truman should head a world government to defend the interests of all the peoples without distinction of race, religion or frontier."

"This is the only sure way to avoid not only a future war but of realising universal disarmament and saving the astronomical sums spent on our destruction."

Woman To Be U.S. Treasurer

Washington, June 5.

A vicarious mid-Western woman banker is due to become Treasurer of the United States.

The President, the White House announced, plans to send to the Senate on Monday the name of Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark of Kansas to succeed the late William E. Fuller, killed in a car crash a week ago.

As Treasurer, her signature will appear on all U.S. currency. No other woman has had that distinction. The job—not to be confused with the Cabinet rank Secretary of the Treasury—is essentially a banking job for the Government.

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THE LOGIC OF SOVIET RUSSIA

Berlin, June 4.
There are no words in the Russian language for concentration camps, Captain Sergei Tregubov, a member of the Soviet Information Division, declared today during a lecture at the House of Soviet Culture in Berlin.

"Therefore," he reasoned, "there are no concentration camps in the Soviet Union. Of course, people are arrested and detained in Russia, but they are either criminals or traitors."

The title of Captain Tregubov's lecture was "Free in the Soviet Union."—Reuter.

Portuguese Catholics Report A Miracle

Lisbon, June 4.

Four hundred Portuguese Catholics are said to have witnessed a miracle at Covadita on May 13, it was learned today. They had met to pray to Our Lady of Fatima.

They sang the Ave Maria and one voice rose above all else imploringly: "Lord, grant me my wish. Lord, grant me the power to walk."

The Mass for the sick approached its end when a tall, bronzed man in the uniform of the Portuguese Navy approached the basilica of Fatima. He took a white rose from the altar and looked around the multitude, praying as he did so. He approached a young woman lying on a bed and gave her the rose. She left her bed and, mad with joy, began to walk.

A priest took two testimonials, one from the young woman telling of seven years of suffering, and the other from the seaman, who told a story of a dream.

He said that in a dream, Our Lady of Fatima had told him to give a white flower from the altar to a sick person on the day at the moment when the crowd was praying and faith was on them.—United Press.

more detailed proposals than the Acheson plan to submit for discussion in the closed session.

Whether these will be of a type to loosen the knots now holding up the conference largely depends on the Soviet Government's estimate of how badly the West wants a Berlin settlement, observers believe.

Experts of the three Western delegations are meeting tonight to decide what, if anything, has been achieved by the long session, authoritative sources said.

The atmosphere at today's talks was not as satisfactory as yesterday, these sources added.—Reuter.

NEW ATTENDANT FOR PRINCESS

London, June 5.

Princess Elizabeth has a new lady-in-waiting in attractive Lady Henriette Alice Palmer, aged 35, a war widow with two children.

The green-eyed, fair-haired Lady Palmer worked for the Red Cross and the Army Welfare Department during the war.—Associated Press.

"Police State" In Czechoslovakia

Berlin, June 4.

Dr. Bedrich Bruegel, acting Chief of the Czechoslovak Mission in Berlin, who recently fled to Western Germany, stated in a letter published here today that he did so in protest against Czechoslovakia's trend towards a corrupt police dictatorship.

The letter, written on May 20 to a member of the Czechoslovak Government, declared: "When I was last in Czechoslovakia, old friends and fellow workers came to me in despair with proof that people are constantly being arrested in the Bohemian provinces without a written warrant and kept imprisoned without a hearing and without justification."

"Further evidence was shown to me that the Czech security corps inflicts torture and bodily injuries on all citizens who fall into its clutches."

"I have belonged to the Labour Movement since 1913 and have always fought for its principles."

"My whole past life forbids me to keep silence or even to render aid during the present trend in Czechoslovakia, which is not leading to Socialism but to a corrupt police dictatorship."

Dr. Bruegel, seventh of the 10 original members of the Berlin Mission to escape to the West, complained that the Prague Foreign Ministry had tolerated various Czechoslovak intelligence services in Western Germany.

"Their activities were conducted without the knowledge of the responsible heads of the Czechoslovak representative agencies in Germany," he said.—Reuter.

U.S. Immigration Officers Take Over ss. Batory

New York, June 4.

John Donovan, Assistant U. S. District Attorney, said today that the Government took control of the ss Batory, Polish liner on which Gorchak Eislor fled from this country, when it returned to New York harbour today.

Mr. Donovan said: "I understand that the ship is under Government control."

He said the United States Attorney's Office has no further comment in connection with the action taken by Government officials in boarding the Batory.

However, Edward Shaughnessy, District Director of Immigration, immediately denied that his Department had seized the vessel.

Mr. Shaughnessy said that immigration officials boarded the Batory as they always do for routine checking of passengers' passports.

Mr. Donovan made his statement shortly after a detail of United States Immigration Department. Others held that blatter-olive-green uniforms and wearing side arms and ammunition belts, marched onto Pier 88 where the Batory was due to dock.

They were reinforced by a detail of 10 New York City patrolmen.

Immigration officers marched onto the pier as the Batory entered the harbour several hours late after it was rumoured that the Government might seize her for violation of immigration laws, under which an alien was allowed to escape from the United States.

Interrogation

The Batory was due to dock at 11 a.m. but was two hours late. There was no explanation of the delay.

Armed immigration officers refused to let anyone disembark. In Washington, the Justice Department indicated that all officers and members of the Batory's crew will be interrogated to determine if any of them aided Eislor in his dramatic getaway on May 6.

Eislor jumped his bail of \$22,000 to make his escape. He was on bail, pending appeals from convictions for contempt of Congress and making false statements on an application warrant.

He was seized when the ship arrived in British waters at the request of the United States but a British court set him free and he left Britain for Czechoslovakia.—United Press and Reuter.

INQUIRY ON FORCED LABOUR

Geneva, June 4.

The governing body of the International Labour Organisation today decided to hold an immediate inquiry on forced labour, including allegations of slave workers in the Soviet Union.

Polish and Czechoslovak delegates, only Eastern European representatives on the 16-nation body, did not oppose the decision, taken on the recommendation of Mr. George P. Delaney, American Federation of Labour representative.

The Secretary-General of the Labour Office was instructed to nominate an impartial commission to study the nature and extent of forced labour, including the reasons for which persons are made to perform forced labour and the treatment they are given.—Reuter.

Gangster Rejects Big Offer

Columbus, Ohio, June 4.

Still fearful of gangland bullets and tactics even behind prison walls, George "Bugs" Moran has turned down more than \$150,000 to tell his life story.

The offers to Moran—one of the few men to battle Al Capone for gang control in Chicago during prohibition and still alive—were disclosed today by Ralph Alvis at Ohio Penitentiary.

Warden Alvis said the "Chicago Tribune" had offered Moran up to \$50,000 for the story of his life. Louella Parsons, Hollywood film columnist, additionally offered \$100,000 for the film rights, Alvis said.

Moran, who missed being moved down in the bloody St. Valentine's Day massacre in the 20's by a few steps, turned down both offers with a terse "No soap," Alvis said. He said Moran told him his life would not be worth "a plugged nickel" if he accepts the offers.

Moran, now 36, is serving a 10 to 25 year sentence for armed robbery in Dayton in 1948. Alvis said he has nothing to do with other prisoners and refuses to talk with newsmen.—United Press.

ASYLUM GIVEN TO RUSSIAN

Stockholm, June 4.

The 27-year-old Russian air force pilot who flew to Stockholm on May 18 in a Soviet fighter plane, was today granted asylum in Sweden as a political refugee.

The Soviet Embassy had asked for the pilot's extradition as "he has made himself guilty of criminal acts."

The Swedish Foreign Office refused the requests by the Soviet Embassy to interview the pilot.

The pilot told the Swedish police that he was tired of the Soviet system. He took off from an aerodrome in White Russia, and did not fear reprisals, as his wife had been sent to Siberia and they have no children.—Reuter.

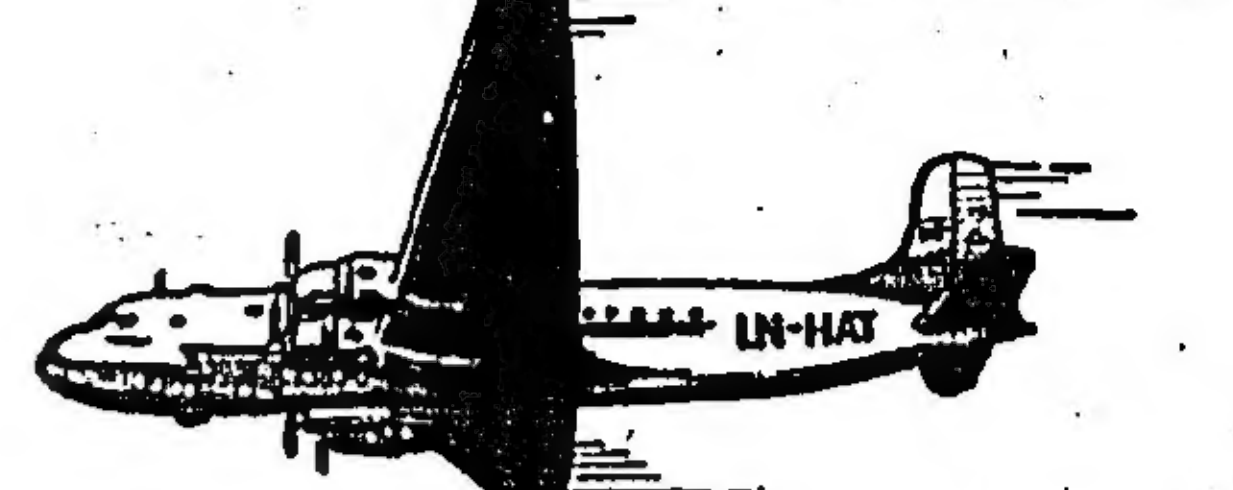
Vatican City, June 4.

General Mark Clark, former American commander of the Allied forces in Italy, was today received in private audience by the Pope.—Reuter.

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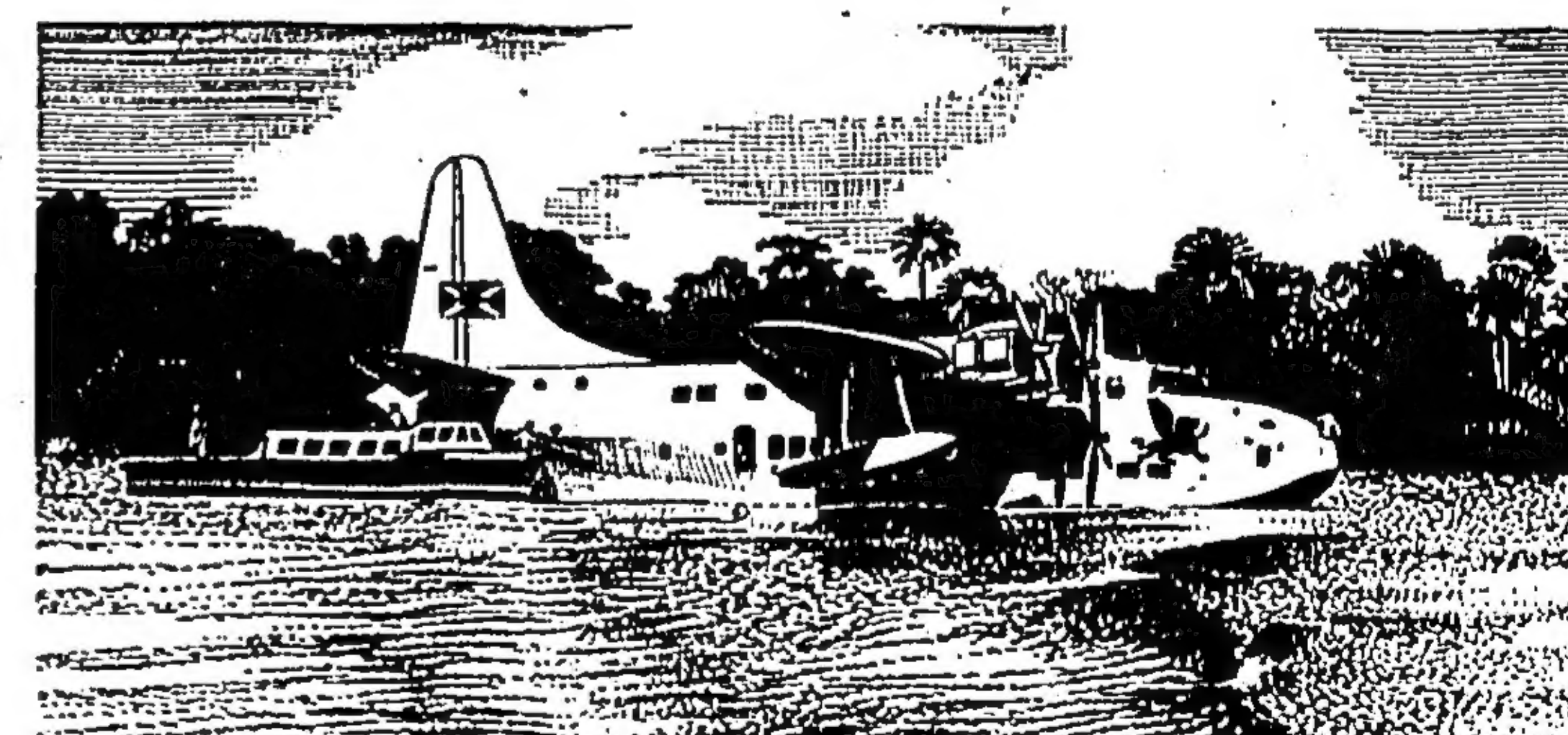
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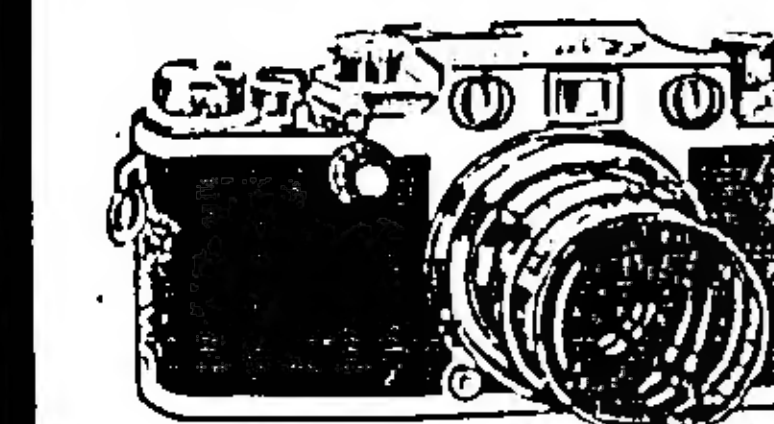
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VD'S THREAT TO ENTIRE PROVINCE

Simla, India, June 5.
Venereal disease threatens to extinguish 1,000,000
people living in the newly-created North In-
dian province of Himachal Pradesh.
The Central Government, alarmed by the prospect,
has invited Dr. C. Cutler of Cleveland, Ohio,
VD expert in the World Health Organisation,
to visit the area and recommend remedial
measures.

Himachal Pradesh means
Himalayan Country. Its elevation
ranges from 1,000' to 24,000 feet
above sea level. It was formed
on April 18, 1948, by a merger of
21 Princeloms of the Himalayan
Hills to the North and East of
Simla.

It has an area of 10,000 square
miles and a population of more
than 1,000,000, governed by a
Chief Commissioner, directly
responsible to the Government of
India. The Princes have been
pensioned.

A spokesman of the Chief
Commissioner's Office here said
the disease has been prevalent
for generations and almost all
the people in this territory suffer
from it in varying degrees. He
added that nearly a half of the
300,000 families in the province
have no children because of
sterility caused by the disease.
Even among the rest, it is only a
handful who have two children
and more.

Village after village, he said,
is being depopulated, which in
turn is shattering the economy of
the province.

The ideal climate of the pro-
vince has saved the population
from some of the worst aspects
of the infection. In the plains,
he said, such widespread in-
cidence would have left the de-
bilitated population prone to lep-
rosy and other such diseases.

Taken For Granted

Extreme poverty, malnutri-
tion and ignorance have been
aggravations, and VD has been
so widely prevalent for so
many generations that the
people have almost taken it
for granted as part of their
existence.

Officials claim this was an im-
ported disease, acquired by con-
tact with the people of the plains
and spread among some of the
races in the Himalayan sub-
regions ranging from Kashmir in
the North to the Assam hills in
the East some centuries back.

Officials cite the case of Ash-
mukham—which means Place of
Luxury—in Kashmir where the
Muslim invaders from across the
Himalayas used to halt before
proceeding to the plains.

The people there are among
the handsomest in India, com-
bining some of the best physical
characteristics of the local Hin-
dus and the invading Central
Asian Muslims. But nearly all
of them are infected with venereal
disease.

The disease also has been due
to sexual promiscuity among the
people. In some areas in the past
the scarcity of women led to
polyandry.

Mobile Clinics

In some market areas, girls
were auctioned to the highest
bidder and shared by the entire
family. These habits have died
down but not before some of
their worst effects had taken
root.

The division of the area be-
tween 21 petty princes also made
it difficult to tackle the problem
on a big scale. The inaccessibility
of some villages also has been
a handicap. For example, Mandi,
60 miles as the crow flies to the
North of Simla, is 600 miles by
road and a letter takes three
days to reach the place. It takes

15 days for a letter from Simla
to reach Shikpi, less than 150
miles in a direct line to the East.
There is not a single aerodrome
in the entire province, including
Simla.

The Government of the new
Himachal Pradesh has estab-
lished a central VD laboratory
clinic in Simla and this is to
have branches in the 48 hospitals
and dispensaries in the four dis-
tricts of the province. Mobile
clinics on mule back are being
sent to adjacent villages.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Bolivian Trouble Settled

La Paz, June 4.
The Bolivian tin miners
strike committee today approv-
ed a nine-point agreement with
the Government providing for
the end of the week-old strike
and for the permanent recogni-
tion of trade union rights.

The Government is preparing
the immediate withdrawal of
troops from the mining area,
where about 150 people were
killed last week in rioting by
miners at Calavia.

Factory, railway and other
workers came out in sympathy
with the miners, making the sit-
uation throughout the country
tense.

Today's agreement followed an
improvement in the situation yester-
day, when the Prefect of the
Department of La Paz, Senor Es-
trada, said the miners had
agreed to return to work after
the Government had prom-
ised to withdraw troops and pay
indemnities to the families of the
dead miner.

In the Patino Mine at Huancini,
about 80 per cent of the miners
returned to work today.—Reuter.

ISRAELI OFFER ON REFUGEES

Lake Success, June 4.
Israel has made two offers to
take over the problems of 230,-
000 displaced Arabs, the largest
concentration of refugees on
the borders of Palestine, in ex-
change for 150 square miles of
coastal land.

Informed diplomatic sources
said the Israeli-Government sub-
mitted to the United Nations
Palestine Conciliation Com-
mission a plan to allow refugees to
live on Israeli territory if Egypt
would surrender to the Tel Aviv
Government a six-by-25 mile
strip of land including the bor-
der city of Gaza.

The offer was first made at
the peace conference in Lausanne,
and was reviewed a few days ago
after more than a week elapsed
without any action on the pro-
posal. Some sources think the
Egyptians might have rejected
the proposal because of a desire
to maintain political unity with
other Arab states.—United Press.

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Tragedy On South Coast

Weymouth, June 4.
Mrs. Margaret Davidson,
whose 73-foot ketch Reliance
was found wrecked near here
today on the way to Canada,
climbed up the cliff to
safely near Portland Bill
Lighthouse tonight.
She said that her husband,
Frank Davidson, was lost at
sea.

Mrs. Davidson is being
cared for by Coast Guards.
The Ketch left Fleetwood,
Lancashire, on May 17, to
find a "paradise" with
Canada the first stop.
It was found today on rocks
near Portland Bill, West of
Weymouth.—Reuter.

NYLON SUITS FOR MEN

New York, June 5.
The Burlington Mills (Com-
pany is working with new
synthetic fibres in fabrics for
men's suits, including nylon,
Orlon and celcos.

Joseph A. Golden, company
official, said: "The use of nylon
in the men's wear field is still
in the development stage but the
company hopes to have fabrics
characteristics which will make
present-day fabrics appear like
tissue paper.

"Slacks and suits made of nylon
will have a crease that will last
virtually for the life of the gar-
ment," he said.—Associated Press.

Discussions On Free Channels Of Trading

Paris, June 4.
The Consultative Council of the Organisation for
European Economic Co-operation failed to
draw up a new intra-European payments
agreement for the second year of Marshall
aid in a two-day meeting which ended here
tonight.

A communique issued later said: "The Consultative
group which has been meeting in Paris with
the United States' special representative in
Europe during the last two days has been
considering the question of the freeing of
channels of trade between the participating
countries (of the Marshall Plan).

"It has arrived at certain con-
clusions.

"These conclusions deal with
the liberalising of intra-European
trade, which will, in its
the Council's opinion bear important
results in re-invigorating trade.

"They have recommended to
the Chairman to submit all the
proposals upon which they have
agreed to the other participating
countries for their consideration
and with a view to their going
before the Council meeting at
ministerial level for decision be-
fore the end of June.

"As a result of these proposals
it has been necessary to reconsider
the question of the intra-Euro-
pean payments scheme, and the
Consultative group has asked the
Chairman to lay before the Pay-
ments Committee certain sugges-

tions, with a view to their work-
ing out a suitable scheme which,
it is hoped, will be ready to be
submitted to the Council in a
short time.

"If necessary to finalise such an
agreement, it was arranged that
the Chairman should recall the
Consultative group before the end
of the month," the communique
concluded.

The meeting was intended to
bring further together the di-
vergent views on how most
effectively to free and develop
the flow of goods and capital
in Western Europe.

The British view, supported by
the Scandinavian countries, fav-
oured a continuance of the bilat-
eral method of trade exchanges
in operation during the first Mar-
shall Plan year ending this
month. Others held that bilat-

JAPANESE AT MRA MEET

Caux-sur-Montreux, June 5.
A Japanese delegation head-
ed by an ex-Premier, Tetsu
Katayama, is among the 400
delegates attending the World
Assembly of Moral Re-arm-
ment here.

Sessions for the movement,
founded 11 years ago, opened on
Saturday.

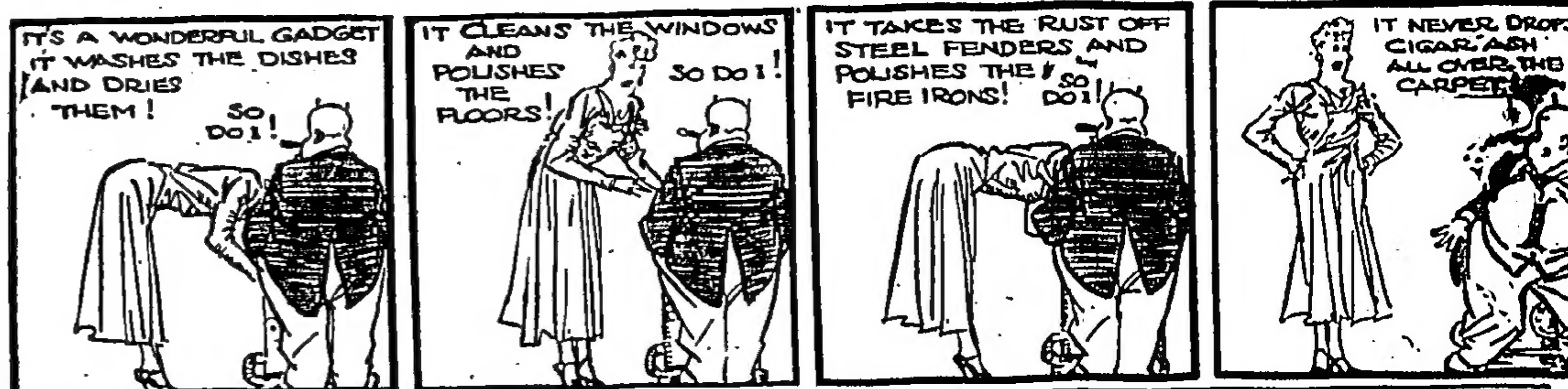
Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman, said
that movement which he founded
is a force adequate to remake the
world. He said: "All we need is
the millions who say 'Yes, I
will'."—Associated Press.

alism must give way to multilat-
eralism as a first step towards
full freedom of trade followed by
monetary convertibility.

The United States, through its
powerful Economic Co-operation
Administration, is also known to
favour this trend.
Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall
Plan "Roving Ambassador," who
attended the OEEC talks, said to-
night: "I am very pleased about
the agreement because it repre-
sents an important step forward
towards liberalising European
trade."

He declined to comment on the
failure to reach a new intra-
European payments agreement.—
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

RUBBER PRODUCTION COSTS: A WARNING

Johore Bahru, June 5.

Rubber planters have been warned by one of their leaders that they must consider reducing costs of production if they hope to meet competition from synthetic rubber. J. C. Mathison, chairman of the Johore Planters' Association, told members of the organisation that for the immediate future he can see nothing for the planters to assume but that rubber will be sold at somewhere between 30 and 35 cents a pound.

WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Boston, June 5.

Wool demand from consumers dragged along this week without definite change from recent routine. A better situation in buying of the wools mill division, was apparently maintained, but was counteracted by a lack of appreciable business from the worsted mills.

Conditions are indefinite and somewhat puzzling, according to the Commercial Bulletin, as to values of worsted types. The paper says: "Buyers and sellers here have no real basis upon which to trade, especially as dealers find growers for the most part still averse to adjusting their ideas of price for the winter contracting level. Some spot business has been passing here in fine wools the past few weeks. This is at prices definitely lower than was last quoted. The market remains nominal to a great extent, but on the basis of actual though limited trading we have reduced most quotations in fine and half blood grades, especially on the lower end of our ranges."

"Our highest figures are no more than consistent with what growers continue to demand. These are well above what mills would pay here today."

"However, dealers still see prospects of a squeeze before autumn and they are not accepting at the figures which mill buyers offer while they are not pressed for supplies. Buyers are around and making inquiry on stocks available, at the same time engaging tentatively in dickering with dealers on prices. Pending final need to buy, however, mills and dealers appear to have been sparing without approaching any definite results."—Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, June 5.

July wheat led grains moderately higher yesterday. Wheat closed 1/4 to 3/4 higher. July \$1.88 1/2-3/4
September \$1.89 1/2-3/4
December \$1.91 1/2-3/4
March \$1.88 1/2
Corn was unchanged to 1/2 higher. July \$1.29 1/2-3/4
Oats were 1/4 to 1/2 higher. July \$57 1/2
Soybeans were 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher. July \$2.17 1/2-3/4
—Associated Press.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: Thursday, 9th June, at Noon for the United Kingdom via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers baggage must be sent to the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf Company's Godown, at No. 2 Gate, Canton Road Entrance, by Noon on Wednesday, the 8th June.

NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Company's Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Will take place between 9.30 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. on Thursday, the 9th June, 1949.

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Devaluation Of Sterling Again Denied

Copenhagen, June 4. Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the British Treasury, today denied reports current here that Britain is considering devaluing sterling. "We do not even talk about it—only the Americans do," he said.

Mr. Hall is one of the British Parliamentary delegates attending tomorrow's centenary celebrations of the Danish constitution.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

8.00 a.m.—World and Home News from Britain. (London Relay).

8.15 a.m.—Programme Summary.

8.30 a.m.—"Morning Melody" Favourites from Singapore.

9.00 a.m.—Old Time Dance Orchestra.

9.15 a.m.—The Jazz Octet.

9.30 p.m.—"Sweet Nocturne" Peter Yee and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway. (HICTS)

10.15 a.m.—Xavier Cugat and His Orchestra.

10.30 a.m.—Light Opera Company. A Programme of Continuum Music.

10.45 a.m.—Light Variety.

11.00 a.m.—"Hong Kong Calling" Daily Programme Summary.

11.30 a.m.—Fantasia on Melodies of Johann Strauss, Jr. Marek Walter and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Infatuation at the Piano. (Studio)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Hills the Hills" By A. J. Herbert and Vivian Ellis, with George Gueary, Libby Webb, Helen Reed, Anne Wynn, Betty Paul, Eric Fort and Full Company from C.B. Cochrane's London Production. (BDCTS)

2.30 p.m.—Musical Sweethearts' Song by Miss Crosby.

2.45 p.m.—The Concert Hour.

3.45 p.m.—Harry Hurrell and His Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay)

4.15 p.m.—Music by the Guards.

4.30 p.m.—Where do we go from Here? A Mystery Play by Dorothy L. Sayers. (HICTS)

5.00 p.m.—Recent Releases.

5.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Sandberg and the Palm Court Orchestra with Philip Halsey. (Baritone) (HICTS)

6.00 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—"It's So Simple."

6.30 p.m.—"London Studio Melodies" A Programme of Continuum Music by the Masqueraders with John Cooke and John Harp. (BDCTS)

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